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Come and enjoy the show on stage at Old Rochester Regional High School November 30, December 1, 2 and 3. Tickets are now on sale at the Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shoppe in Mattapoisett, Lloyd's Market and Plumb Corner Market in Rochester, and the General Store in Marion. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Tickets for adults are \$8, and for students and senior citizens, \$6. For additional information, or to inquire about group discounts, please call 758-6198.

"Too Close to Call"

ORR Election Simulates Real Life

Little did anyone realize how closely the mock election recently held at Old Rochester Regional High School would simulate real life. In a school-wide mock election held on November 7, students voted for President and Vice President as well as a student representative to participate in Student Government Day. When the final count was in, the race for student representative had the top three candidates within ten votes of each other. The decision was made that the election was too close to call and a run-off election was scheduled.

The winner, Junior Kyra Jackivicz, will represent Old Rochester when students from across the State meet in Boston for Student Government Day in April. Senior Owen Fogarty came in second in the election and will serve as the alternate representative if one is needed. In the presidential race, students elected Vice-President Al Gore with 49 percent of the vote to George Bush's 31 percent. Senator Ted Kennedy won easily with 79 percent of the vote to the 21 percent held by Republican candidate Jack E. Robinson.

The school-wide election was initiated by Social Studies teachers Nancy O'Brien and Michael Connolly in an effort to teach students the importance of civic

participation. With the assistance of their departmental colleagues and a Community Service Learning mini-grant funded by the Department of Education, O'Brien and Connolly recruited teachers in other curriculum areas to participate.

Art students set the mood with bulletin boards encouraging students to register to vote while economic classes compared the candidates' economic views. In U.S. History classes students studied the electoral vote process, Contemporary Affairs classes analyzed debate



Above: Students participate in a mock election held at Old Rochester Regional High School on November 7. Like the recent nationwide Presidential Election, the results were "too close to call" in the ORR contest, forcing a run-off election. (Photo courtesy of Kathy Marx.)

On the cover: Michaela Chaplain as Cousin Nora and Kevin Hart as Eugene Jerome in a scene from Neil Simon's classic Brighton Beach Memoirs, which will be staged by the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club on November 30, December 1, 2 and 3 at the high school. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens and will be available the door. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza.)

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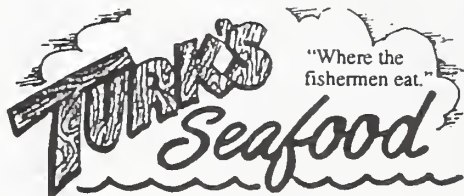
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tactics and World History students compared our election process to that of other counties. AP History classes polled voters in Mattapoisett with results given to the AP Statistics class to analyze. Bulldog TV taped highlights of the day for a segment of their upcoming show that can be seen on ATT/Broadband's Channel 9.

Although the statistics from the exit polling are still not available, 80 percent of the students registered to vote in the school election. History Coordinator Nancy O'Brien said, "If students take nothing else out of this election, they have learned the importance of each and every vote."

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

November 27, 2000

By Rebecca Fortin

Chairman Paul Lambalot called a regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectman to order on Monday, November 27, 2000. Also in attendance were Selectman Barry Denham, Selectman Raymond Andrews and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After unanimously approving the minutes for the November 20 meeting, the board called upon the first appointment of the evening with Fire Chief Ronald Scott regarding the Town Hall's fire alarm wiring system.

Over the weekend there was a problem with the alarm, and when it was investigated by the Fire Department, it was discovered that the wires had been chewed through. Further, the wire that was originally

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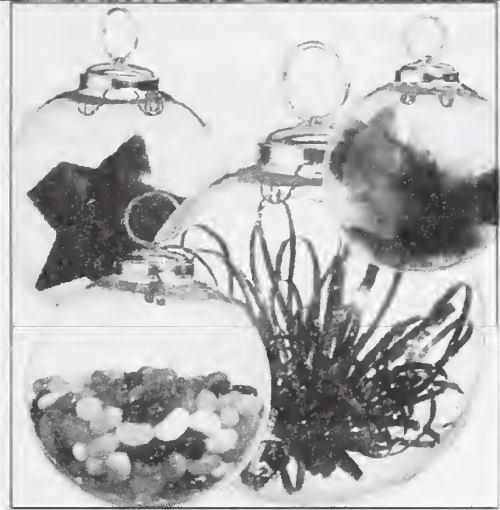
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installed throughout the Town Hall was insufficient by today's standards — a thin thermostat wire exists within the Town Hall walls rather than a heavier, more durable one. In addition to the non-compliant wires, the panel that indicated which zone is experiencing a potential problem is inadequate and not precise. Therefore, all of these could undermine the effectiveness of an early warning system, putting the building, which houses countless records, at risk. The concern is that there would be false alarms, or worse, no alarms signaling a problem.

Chief Scott recommends a repair as soon as possible, and Selectman Denham agrees that the recommendation is the "removal of the thermostat cord and replace with standard wire," also that the basement



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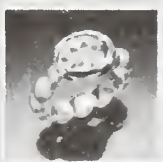
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"We should do whatever needs to be done right away," said Chairman Lambalot.

Part of the Town Hall budget will be used to make "emergency repairs" to the Town Hall wiring. Selectman Andrews added that it would behoove the Town to have a contingency plan for the Town Hall just in case the unthinkable happened. His concern is that they would need to know where they could relocate on a temporary basis.

"I guess we're on board," said Chairman Lambalot.

The next item on the agenda was the ongoing search for a new Police Chief for the town. Chairman Lambalot began by discussing the selection process. Initially, a civilian search committee was formed to bring the list of 32 candidates down to four finalists. Once the final four were chosen, all of their references were contacted on Monday, November 27. Next, each Selectman gave their top two choices for Police Chief to Executive Secretary Carol Adams, who in turn gave a final vote count to Selectman Andrews.

It was as follows: Christopher Elg received 0 votes; Sergeant Mary Lyons received 3 votes; Sergeant Paul Magee received 1 vote; and Peter Paulding received 2 votes.

Chairman Lambalot announced that the top two candidates for the position were Sergeant Mary Lyons and Peter Paulding, and he invited both Selectman Denham

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and Selectman Andrews to speak about their thoughts, and ultimately their choice for Police Chief.

Selectman Denham said that he spoken to many townspeople, particularly over the last several days, and many felt that a Mattapoisett resident should be given the position. Therefore, his opinion was that Sergeant Mary Lyons should be made the new Police Chief.

Selectman Andrews agreed, citing that the search was done very fairly, and that he also supported Sergeant Lyons for the position.

Chairman Lambalot also agreed with the choice of Sergeant Lyons, adding that she "fits the bill," and that she has supervisory experience and the respect of the town.



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The Selectman took a brief break to call Sergeant Lyons and congratulate her on her position as the new Police Chief for the Town of Mattapoisett.

After returning, Chairman Lambalot announced that she was "ecstatic about her appointment."

Next on the agenda, the Selectmen offered their signatures on the following:

- Permission to Clayton Hagy, Library Trustee, to seek an opinion from Town Counsel relative to the formation of a non-profit foundation for the benefit of the library.

- Appointment of Hunter R. Urion as a Civilian EMT for the Mattapoisett Police Ambulance Service upon a recommendation from Police Lieutenant Ed Pina.

Meetings scheduled throughout he week include:

- Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00 pm - Selectmen and Economic Development Study Committee will meet with the Personnel Board to discuss the establishment of the position of Economic Development Director. The meeting should include the discussion of a salary schedule and the job description for Town Meeting.

- Wednesday, November 29 at 5:00 pm - Elementary School Building Committee Meeting.

Lastly, the following pieces of incoming correspondence were discussed:

- Jim Doherty, Chairman of the Marine Advisory Board, submitted his Board's responses and recommendations to the recent survey to Mattapoisett boaters.

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• Massachusetts Municipal Association Executive Director advises that "Local Government Bill Signing Day" will be held at the State House, Tuesday, December 5, 11:00 am. Executive Director Beckwith enclosed the MMA's 2001 legislative package for the Board's review.

• A memo was received from Inspector of Buildings, Andrew Bobola, placing in writing his recommendations for converting the second floor conference room into office space.

• Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Open House will be held at the State House, Wednesday, December 6 at 4:15 pm.

• Feitelberg Insurance Company will sponsor an educational seminar to better prepare towns for the risk of



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- A letter from the Planning Board concerning the proposed amendments to the Telecommunications District Zoning By-Law, and amendment to Zoning By-Law regarding Bed and Breakfast Establishments.

A reminder that the Mattapoisett Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 pm.

With no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:41 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

November 28, 2000

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Albert Winters. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, Town Administrator Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

After signing treasury warrants for the week and approving the minutes of the November 21 meeting, the board reviewed the following incoming correspondence for the week:

- Letter from resident Benjamin F. Bryant expressing interest in filling a vacancy on the Planning Board. Chairman Winters noted that they will be having a joint meeting with the Planning Board on December 12 at which time they will consider the various candidates. Mr. Pickles noted that today was the deadline to apply for the Planning Board vacancy.

- Letter from Town Counsel Thomas P. Crotty advising that he has reviewed the notice of decision for issuance of a special permit to Kiriakos Rentumis for property at 434 Wareham Street and, in his opinion, the

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• Request from Xiaofeng Zhang, MS, to declare the week of December 10 to 16 as "Falun Dafa Week" in Marion. The board was not familiar with this particular celebration and didn't feel comfortable with accommodating this request. "I don't think we should do these things casually," Chairman Winters said.

• Request from Paul W. Schrader, Executive Director of the Consumer Assistance Council, Inc., asking for funding during Fiscal Year 2002. Mr. Pickles attached a copy of a memo he sent to Mr. Schrader explaining that his request had been turned over to the Marion Finance

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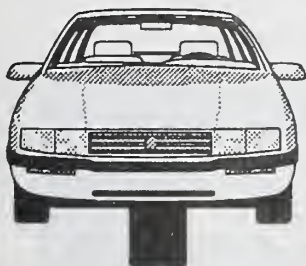
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• Notification from the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) that the next round of Heritage Tree Care Grants are available for 2001. These matching grants of up to \$5,000 may be used to provide professional arboricultural care to important Heritage Trees in Marion.

At 7:15 pm the board met with members of the Marine Resource Commission (MRC) to discuss their Capital Spending Budget proposal. According to Luke Lomeland, the MRC was directed by the FinCom last spring to create a ten-year capital expenditure plan, but they were only able to project a solid five-year plan which the FinCom has supported.

"We came up with a general list and whittled it down to the priority projects," Mr. Lomeland said. "The budget subcommittee worked up a total sum ... and we've decided to assess a fee based on the size of the boat in (Marion) Harbor, to be assessed annually."

Mr. Lomeland went on to explain that in order to keep the "per foot" assessment down, they also agreed to maintain the current fee structure, so the additional "surcharge" would be added to that flat fee already in place on an annual basis.

"Our goal is to make the per-foot fee convertible," Mr. Lomeland said. "So it can be raised and lowered as needed. At the end of the five-year period, it may be reverted if it's no longer needed. These are essentially projects that have fallen by the wayside and need to be done."

Among the key projects proposed over the next five years:

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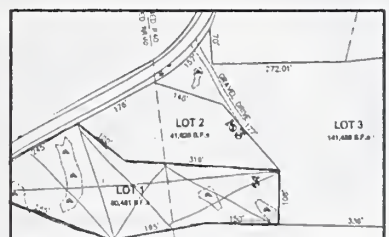
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At a total price of \$260,882 over the next five years (including various accrued debt and interest), the MRC estimated a minimum annual budget of \$52,176 needed to operate yearly.

MRC member James Feeney explained that based on this annual estimation of \$52,176, the MRC has recommended to charge an additional \$1.93 per foot for all boats moored in Marion waters. That assessment would be added to the flat \$50 mooring fee now assessed on residential boats, and the \$125 rate on commercial boats.

"Most of these projects are matters of infrastructure and safety," Mr. Feeney said. "We based the rate on the total number of (boat footage) in Marion Harbor ... we have 27,000 feet in the entire harbor, about 19,000 just in the inner harbor."

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"I'd pay one of the highest fees under this proposal ... and I still think it's a bargain for the privilege of owning a private mooring in Marion," Mr. Pickles said. "All these expenditures will require the approval of Town Meeting — they can't spend anything without Town Meeting approval. We'll have to set the fee based on the assumption that all the articles will pass. If not, they'll have to adjust the fees accordingly."

"I think you're giving us a 'heads up' on what's to come," Selectman Schaefer said. "The harbor is really a

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part of (the town's) infrastructure and we need to maintain it. There's more to just looking at the harbor and using it."

"We've talked to the FinCom about this (recommendation), and they have no problem with it," Mr. Lomeland said. "We're here to request (the Board of Selectmen's) endorsement and ask that you accept public comment on the new fees."

"Marion has always been on its own with harbor management," Harbormaster Charles Bradley added. "We've got a fee structure which we feel is comparable to the services provided."

The board agreed to schedule a vote on the newly-recommended fee structure at either their January 23, 2001 or January 30, 2001 regular meeting and would solicit and accept public comment on the proposed per-foot fee structure through that time.

"I commend you for doing a very admirable job," Selectman Schaefer said. "It's not easy to come in here and recommend an increase in fees ... nobody likes to pay more money. But I think you've done this in a fair and equitable way."

The board noted that there would *not* be a regular Selectmen's Meeting next Tuesday, December 5 and their next regular meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:05 pm.

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Rochester Special Town Meeting

November 27, 2000

By Kenneth J. Souza

A Special Town Meeting for the Town of Rochester was called to order on Monday, November 27 at 7:30 pm by Town Moderator Greenwood Hartley having noted the presence of a quorum of approximately 96 voters — 50 are required for a Special Town Meeting. After a Salute to the Flag and a brief review of standard operating procedures for the Town Meeting forum — in which Mr. Hartley also explained that the majority of the articles on the warrant would require a 2/3 majority vote to pass — voters began by considering the first of a six-article warrant, which asked residents to allocate \$2.5 million for the purpose of renovating and constructing an addition to the Rochester Town Hall under ARTICLE 1.

In a detailed presentation by architect Charles Van Voorhis, he explained that he has been working with the Board of Selectmen for the past two years and they recently received six bids on the proposed expansion/renovation project.

"One of the prime concerns is to make Town Hall compliant with handicap-accessibility (ADA) codes," Mr. Van Voorhis said. "Currently, the handicap-accessible ramp is not code-compliant, many of the offices are not code-compliant ... (the building) needs improved parking and a better traffic layout. What we've proposed is to strip the entrance and limit it to one single point (and add) ...

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one large addition, about 5,000 square feet. We're also planning to restore the original meeting hall in the building ... and hope to create additional meeting spaces. (Town Hall) meeting space is in short supply. We also felt very strongly that maintaining the town center was an important aspect of this project. That sense of town center is something everyone felt was very important."

Mr. Van Voorhis explained that the plans would include a larger meeting hall which could accommodate about 125 people and add two additional smaller meeting rooms for various committees and boards. Handicap-accessible toilets will also be installed — and about 2,000 to 2,500 square feet of additional future space for expansion.

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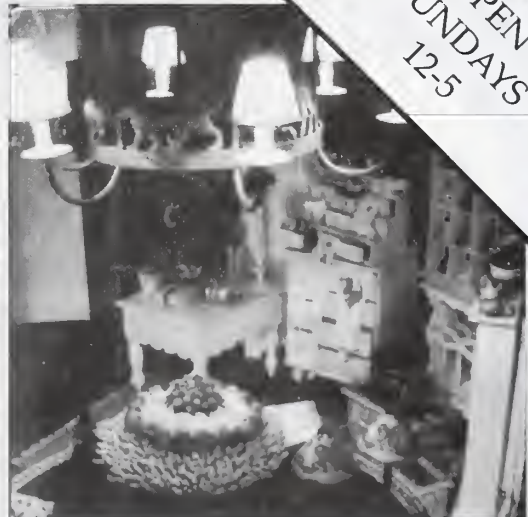
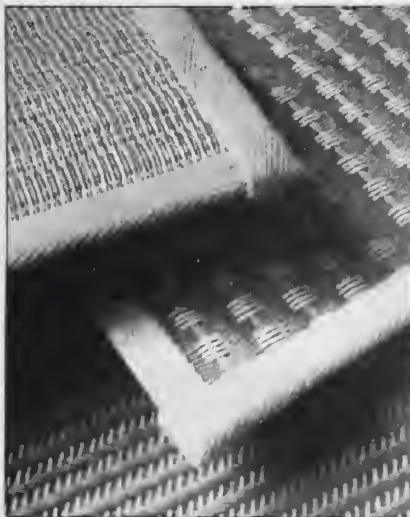
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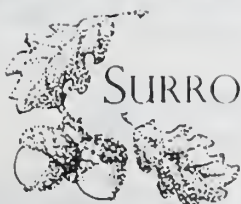
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Mr. Van Voorhis explained that the Rochester Town Hall has not had any serious construction or renovations in 30 years, and the town has grown considerably since that time. The bad news is, the project isn't going to come cheap. "We've received a low bid of \$2.184 million," Mr. Van Voorhis said. "The total (\$2.5 million) budget includes various contingency and project fees."

"The first time Town Hall renovations were proposed, we only received one bid," Selectman Cutler said. "This time, we've received six bids. Originally we were to receive a grant from the state ... the grant is not part of this proposed article. There is, of course, a price associated with this project. The recommendation does not come likely. It is basically 'pay now or pay more later.'"

"The worse case scenario would have the state demand that we do something to come into (ADA) compliance and we'll still be required to pay for the work," Selectman Cutler said. "In many respects, Rochester is still a small town and we have a small town government. In far too many cases, meetings are held outside Town Hall and in spaces which are not acceptable."



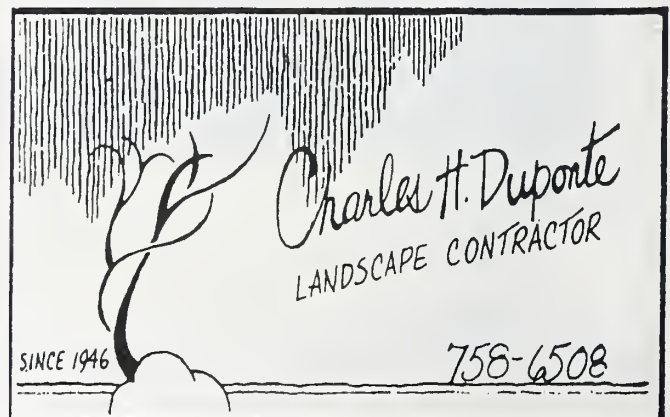
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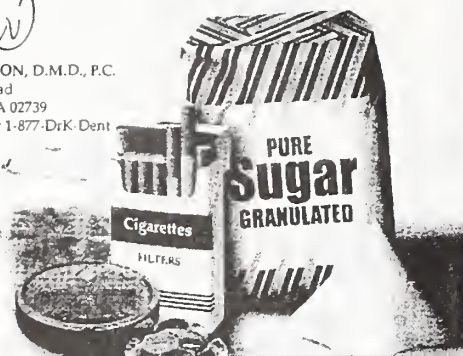
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Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Michael Costa explained that based on the current tax rate of \$14.26, residents can expect that rate to increase to \$15.31 in 2002 with the pending Police/Communications Building and ORR High School projects. If ARTICLE 1 is approved, that figure will bump up another 32 cents per year, bringing the 2002 rate to \$15.63 and reaching upwards of \$17.73 by 2006. A homeowner with property valued at \$200,000 now paying \$2,852 in taxes in FY 2001 could expect to pay \$3,546 in taxes in 2006.

"The cost of Town Hall will be about \$64 a year over the span of 20 years," Mr. Costa said. "The loan for Town Hall is \$2.5 million, but we're asking for an override on half that amount — \$1.25 million. We expect to pay the other half from Free Cash."

Some residents questioned what type of "safety net" the town was leaving itself if it expended \$1.25 million out of existing coffers.

"The Stabilization Fund is the safety net the town has," Mr. Costa said. "We have \$1.3 million in there today. There is about \$900,000 which we have earmarked to be retained there so it earns enough interest to cover our existing loans."

"I'm in favor of spending this money," said resident Susan Peterson. "I know it's hard to spend money and we've pledged to spend a lot this year. But I think it's important for everyone to have a Town Hall that's accessible. Having one that isn't is an embarrassment. It's a fair and reasonable amount of money. It's really the same amount we'd spend on two months of cable TV. It's taking four people out to dinner in one night. While I don't like to pay taxes any more than

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Despite nearly an hour of debate, both pro and con, on the merits of allocating \$2.5 million for the Town Hall, ARTICLE 1 failed to must the required 2/3 majority to pass with 54 in favor and 33 against.

Under ARTICLE 2, voters were asked to amend Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant (June 5, 2000) to transfer \$2,000 from line item 6-44 ("Expenses") to line item 6-43 ("Salaries and Wages"). This was a basic book-keeping measure which was unanimously approved by Town Meeting voters.

ARTICLE 3, which asked voters to amend the town's By-Laws to include a new "Common Driveway By-Law" was moved to be tabled indefinitely pending further fine-tuning. Planning Board Chairman Robert Cummings explained that the proposed by-law needed to be tweaked before final approval, and voters unanimously voted to table the article at this time.

Under ARTICLE 4, also sponsored by the Planning Board, voters were asked to approve a Revised

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Flexible Development Back Lot Subdivision article under the existing by-laws. Planning Board Chairman Cummings explained that there currently is a provision in the town's by-laws to allow development of a so-called "back lot" subdivision, but this amendment would allow an existing homeowner to carve out a portion of existing property for use of a family member. Although the parcel could be considered a "pork chop lot," it would still have to meet the requirements of the town's Zoning By-Laws currently in force. The article was approved via majority vote, 72 to 1.

The much-discussed Cellular Tower By-Law was considered under ARTICLE 5, which asked voters to amend the Zoning By-Laws to include this new restrictive measure for telecommunications (so-called "cellular") towers within Rochester. The article was moved with several additional revisions which were made by Planning Board Chairman Robert Cummings in the wake of a Public Hearing which was held on November 21. "Four Planning Board members were present and all four voted unanimously in favor of the article as read," Mr. Cummings said.

"As many residents are aware, the power of local government to regulate the location of cellular towers is limited by federal law," explained Town Counsel Daniel Perry. "It essentially denies the town the power to prohibit them ... but currently the town only has a special permit provision (in force) which requires a permit for any tower in excess of 100 feet. There is a moratorium on cellular towers for six months which expires in January. If there isn't favorable action by Town Meeting tonight, the town will have to accept existing special permits (as submitted)."

With little further discussion or debate, voters approved ARTICLE 5, with a vote of 79 to 2.

Under ARTICLE 6, Town Meeting was asked to amend the Zoning By-Laws to include a section on "Major Residential Development," which would help better control future subdivision development. The article was again sponsored and unanimously supported by the Planning Board.

"The town already has a flexible development by-law," explained Planning Board Chairman Cummings. "We saw that the by-law needed a little fixing and tweaking. The basic changes are that with this proposal, if approved by (Town Meeting), anyone coming before the town to create ten lots or more, would be required to get a special permit. It gives the Planning Board a better tool to work with developers. Right now, developers work with the regulations that are on the books ... (but) we're hoping to be able to shape the way developments are done."

ARTICLE 6 was approved via majority vote, 72 to 2.

There being no further articles to consider, a motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 9:02 pm.

Sports Shorts

By Kenneth J. Souza

Mattapoissett Basketball

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

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Sincerely,

Leona Mansfield

Melinda Reed

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Jane Zychowicz

Mattapoissett

To the Editor:

Christmas came early for Mary Lyons as she was given a gift, the position of Police Chief in Mattapoissett, this week by the Board of Selectmen. Having personally watched the search process to fill this position, including attending all of the final interviews, it appears the Town of Mattapoissett has once again been short-changed.

Not only is Mary Lyons inferior in every aspect when compared to the two out-of-town final candidates, any intelligent, rational person could see that she wasn't even close to being in the same league as these guys. Whether it were her credentials, practical experience, past and current job responsibilities, or just simple financial common sense, Lyons fell short. If anyone were to watch the rebroadcast of the videotaped interviews and take a close look at the resumes of the final candidates, both of which are public records, it is strikingly clear that our Selectmen did not have an agenda to serve the best interests of Mattapoissett.

The Board of Selectmen had a golden opportunity to deliver to the town a level of proven professionalism and expertise never before seen, completely unprecedented in the Mattapoissett Police Department. Instead, the board sought and found the status quo, an individual lacking competence, knowledge of the law, and any sense of fiscal responsibility, a perfect fit in the Mattapoissett machine of political misconduct and mismanagement. During her interview, Lyons indicated that our Police Department needed to be enlarged, while another



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Over the years, I have personally witnessed incompetence and misconduct in my experiences with Mary Lyons, watching her pursue multiple groundless criminal complaints that ultimately failed miserably in court. For those who are close to the facts involving some very key issues in town, Mary Lyons' lack of credibility was obvious in her application and interview for the job of Police Chief. Telling the Selectmen what they wanted to hear to get the job while being less than honest was no problem for Mary. It is truly unfortunate that it actually worked and the Selectmen failed to appoint an individual that would serve as a genuine role model.

This was but another example of what happens when the townspeople of Mattapoisett happen to be looking the other way and allow Larry, Moe and Curly to operate in such an irresponsible and reckless manner. The entire search process was poorly conducted from the beginning and deliberately manipulated in an effort to manage the results. The final interviews were purposely conducted with little or poor notice to the public over a holiday weekend, certainly an inconvenience for most people to attend if they knew about it at all. At no time was public input, questions, or participation ever solicited, encouraged, or for that matter, allowed.

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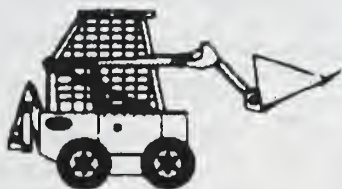
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St. Anthony's Harborside Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The hall will be decorated in a nautical theme for the 35th anniversary of this holiday fair. It was originally a Harvest Fair in 1965 when Roni King was co-chairman — she is this year's chairman and her enthusiasm has not waned.

There has been considerable work done on this fair and there are many lovely items being created. The Boutique Table promises to offer many new items that will make wonderful gifts and decorations for your home. There will be Christmas balls, angels, wreaths of artificial greens, and Hydrangeas, miniature Christmas trees plus aprons, and tapestry purses. You will want to shop early for the best selection!

St. Anthony's annual Christmas decoration designed by Roni King is a Dove of Peace to commemorate this Jubilee year. Lee Talty has helped paint and decorate the doves which were cut out of wood by Marc Gauvin. The decoration is beautiful and will enhance your own tree.

The greens table will feature fresh wreaths and roping from Maine. Some will be decorated and there will be attractive bows available. Advent wreaths will also be offered.

Jacque McGraw will be selecting jewelry items for the table of jewelry and gift goods. If you would like to make a contribution of new and unused items for her table, please call 758-9278.

There will be a creative knit table with crocheted and knit goods, a bakery table with holiday cakes, pies and cookies, our exciting Christmas Auction table with donations from local businesses and parishioners, and the Main Raffle will feature lovely items plus a \$500 bond.

The luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon and sounds delicious. There will be coffee and malassadas in the morning. So, mark your calendars and plan to attend the Harborside Christmas Fair.

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Marion Retirement Celebration

Residents are cordially invited to attend a Retirement Celebration in honor of retiring Marion Town Administrator Ray E. Pickles to be held on Saturday, December 16, 2000 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Marion Music Hall. There will be hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, with tickets priced at \$15 per person, \$25 per couple (gift included). Please RSVP by December 11 to Debra M. Blanchette (748-3505) and make checks payable to "Town of Marion, R. Pickles' retirement."

Mattapoisett Flu Clinic

The Mattapoisett Board of Health will hold a flu immunization clinic for Mattapoisett residents on Thursday, December 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The clinic will be held at the Mattapoisett Senior Center which is located at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Route 6 in Mattapoisett.

School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of School Committee Meetings slated for December. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 pm.

- Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 pm - Marion School Committee at Sippican School;
- Monday, December 11 - Mattapoisett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School;
- Tuesday, December 12 - ORR District School Committee at ORR High School;
- Thursday, December 14 - Rochester School Committee at Memorial School.

Machacam Club Meeting

The Machacam Club will hold its December meeting on Wednesday, December 6 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm. The speaker this month will be biologist Vinny Malkoski of the Division of Marine Fisheries. Vinny is assigned to the sport fishing section and will speak on fishing reefs and related subjects. Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on December 4.

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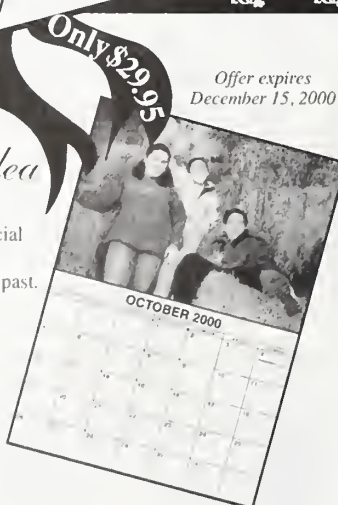
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The Town of Rochester will once again sponsor a "Door Decorating Contest" for the holiday season. Those interested in participating should call the Town Hall at 763-3871 to enter. The Board of Selectmen will be judging the entrants on Wednesday, December 6 beginning at 5:30 pm, so please have your lights on if you are participating. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Sippican Choral Society

The Sippican Choral Society opens the Christmas season in Southeastern Massachusetts with its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 3 at 4:30 pm in Tabor Academy's Wickenden Chapel in Marion. As it has in the past, the chorus will also perform several pieces from this concert the following evening at the Sippican Long-Term Health Care Center.

This year, the major piece to be performed by the chorus will be Johann Sebastian Bach's *Magnificat*, with orchestral accompaniment. The chorus has chosen this piece to honor Bach on the 250th anniversary of his death.

Soloists for the *Magnificat* will be Joanne Mouradjian, soprano; Barbara Youmans, alto; Donald St. Jean, tenor; and Gerry Dyck, baritone.

Special Christmas music will follow, including "Night of Silence," an arrangement of "Silent Night" by Daniel Kantor; John Rutter's "Shepard's Pipe Carol," "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mild," by Johann Walther; "The Boar's Head Carol," arranged by Elizabeth Posten, with Kenneth Almeida as soloist; and "Maoz Tsur," by Jerome Epstein from Harvard's Christmas Revels.

The chorus will also sing "While by My Sheep," arranged by Hugo Jungst; "The Sleigh," arranged by Wallingford Riegger; and William Dawson's "Mary Had a Baby," with chorus member Gina Carter-Brockington as soloist.

As always, the audience will have the chance to sing along with the chorus on several familiar Christmas carols.

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Doors to the Wickenden Chapel open at 4:00 pm for the 4:30 pm performance. Handicapped parking and entrance are located to the rear of the chapel.

Mystery Writers in Fairhaven

The Millicent Library Book Discussion Group invites the public to a special program, "It's a Mystery to Me," sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library. Authors Leslie Meier (Lucy Stone Mysteries) and Sarah Smith (Alexander von Reidsen and Perdita Halley Series) are part of the Sisters in Crime Program, a national organization of mystery writers and fans working to combat discrimination against women in the mystery field.

Sarah Smith lives in Brookline and is the author of *The Vanished Child*, *The Knowledge of Water*, and *A Citizen of the Country*. Leslie Meier of Harwich has written many

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Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers' next monthly Dance and Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 2 with a pot luck supper at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested should bring a dish. Also, there will be an optional \$5 gift exchange — to receive a gift, please bring a gift. Square and Round Dancing will be from

8:00 to 10:30 pm at the Acushnet COA Hall on South Main Street. The level is mainstream-plus. For more information, please call 995-2209 or 990-0392.

Mattapoisett Women's Guild

The Women's Community Guild of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will meet on Tuesday, December 5 at 1:00 pm in Reynard Hall. The program will include a performance of *The Nutcracker* by the Center School Chorus under the direction of Jean West. Guests are cordially invited to the performance and the tea.

FORM Events

The Old Rochester Senior and Junior High School Holiday Concerts are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, December 5 and Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 pm, respectively, in the ORR High School Auditorium.

Junior and Senior High School Choral and Band members will also be taking orders for six-and-a-half-inch potted poinsettias which will be distributed at the holiday concerts. The cost is \$8 per plant, with a choice of red, white or pink. All orders must be received with payment no later than December 1. Checks should be made payable to "FORM." For more information or anyone interested in purchasing a plant should contact either the junior or senior high school music department.

Reservation Meeting in Mattapoisett

The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) is hosting a meeting for any and all interested citizens regarding the Nasketucket Bay State Reservation. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts acquired the property in 1999, and the former owners significantly disturbed a total of about 14 acres along a mile-long corridor, leaving behind a cleared swathe varying from 45-100 feet wide, seven associated detention basins, and large stockpiles of soils and stumps. The property requires some significant restoration and other work to fully establish it as a safe, functional, and attractive park. DEM established a management planning team last year for the Reservation, contracted a comprehensive ecological



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inventory, and has drafted specific objectives and strategies for the property in keeping with the general stated goals of protecting a diverse range of ecosystems, including five forest types, extensive wetlands, open areas, and coastal habitats, extensive undeveloped coastal frontage and scenic views, and trails for passive recreation and enjoyment of the general public.

DEM would like to share and discuss with local and regional citizens our progress to date, current approach and plans, and the challenges and opportunities regarding the restoration and establishment of the Nasketucket Bay State Reservation. The meeting will be held on: Wednesday, December 6, 2000 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Old Hammondtown School, 20 Shaw Street, Mattapoisett. For more information, call Georgie Vining at (617) 973-8784.

Rochester Library Open House

The Friends of the Plumb Memorial Library will hold a Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 2 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The public is cordially invited to attend. The event will feature gifts, crafts, and baked goods in the Friends' "Rochester Shop." Plans for the future expansion of the library will also be available for viewing and attendees can become members of the Friends of the Plumb Memorial Library, enjoy holiday refreshments, and pick up holiday fund-raiser wreaths and plants (pre-ordered). Get in the holiday spirit and join the Open House at the Plumb Memorial Library. For more information, to donate baked goods for the event, or to volunteer your time, please call the library at 763-8600.

Cans for Bands

A can and bottle drive to benefit the Old Hammondtown School Concert and Jazz Bands in Mattapoisett will be held on Saturday, December 2, December 9, and December 16 from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Old Hammondtown School driveway. Volunteers will be waiting to collect redeemable bottles and cans to benefit the school's bands.



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Marion Holiday House Tour

The Sippican Woman's Club has chosen "By the Sea" as the theme for its annual Holiday House Tour to be held on Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Marion's own Cathy Jones, who created the magnificent Williamsburg display in Handy's Tavern a few years ago, will once again work her magic in the club house.

Cathy, a retired Art Supervisor from the Mansfield Public School System, has a lifelong interest in the world of flowers, trees, and landscaping. She has competed in large flower shows all along the Eastern United States, capturing the coveted Blue Ribbon as well as other top awards on numerous occasions. She is a member of the Wareham Garden Club, the Marion Garden Discussion Group, Past President of the Easton Garden Club, and a National Council of State Garden Clubs Accredited Flower Show Judge. At this stage in her life, Cathy enjoys teaching the art of flower arranging and helping people develop their own style of flower design. She has also recently established a "mini" landscaping business.

"By the Sea" is especially meaningful to Cathy, as this is how she came to Marion, "by boat," having had a slip at the Burr Brothers' Boat Yard for fifteen years. Join the Sippican Woman's Club at Handy's Tavern on December 9 to see Cathy's spectacular interpretation of choppy seas and foggy days around Buzzards Bay.

The fourteenth Annual Holiday House Tour will take place in Marion village on Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Six Marion homes will be decorated in seaside holiday motifs. The House Tour is sponsored by the Sippican Woman's Club. Included in the House Tour is a day-long Wassail Punch at Handy's Tavern (152 Front Street) and professional decor around the "By the Sea" theme done by Cathy Jones. The Sugar Plum Tea will also be held at St. Gabriel's Church (124 Front Street) from 1:30 to 4:30.

Tickets are \$12.50 prior to Tour Day and \$16 on December 9. Pre-tour tickets may be purchased at the Marion General Store, Sitting Duck, Bookstall, and Sippican Hardware in Marion; McGovern's Good Earth, Route 6 in Fairhaven, and Opulent Owl at the Ropewalk Mall in Mattapoisett. All profits from the House Tour go

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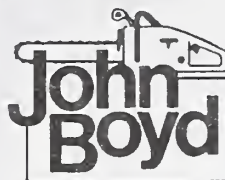
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Hospice Memorial Service

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All are invited to attend and participate in the Eighteenth Annual Christmas Tree Lighting to be held at Shipyard Park on Wednesday, December 6, 2000. Festivities begin at 6:30 pm followed by the arrival of Mr. and Ms. Santa Claus and their elves. Music and refreshments will be provided for all to enjoy. The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen welcomes everyone and offers "Season's Greetings."

Rochester Barn Inspections

Rochester Animal Control Officer Robin Prezner has announced that barn inspections will take place beginning December 1. Please call her at 763-5326 to schedule an appointment.

ORR Alumni Association

The next meeting of the Old Rochester Regional Alumni Association will be held on Monday, December 4 at 6:30 pm in the teacher's lounge at ORR. Elections will be held for offices. All alumni are asked to attend and participate in the election. (Recounts *will* be allowed in races deemed "too close to call.") See you there!

Historical Play in Fairhaven

On July 7, 1916, Kate Douglas Wiggin, the Victorian author, set her pen to writing a dramatization of her 1905 book titled *The Old Peabody Pew*. She had received a letter from a church group in Buenos Aires, Argentina, who had turned her very popular book about a New England church into a "church play." Ms. Wiggin was greatly impressed by this news and decided that she, herself, would write a dramatization. On July 12, 1916, it was finished and she set about casting her production and presented for the first time on August 16, 1916.

Her notes in her diary about this first performance read: "Cloudless, Heavenly — Church crammed and many unable to get seats. Great enthusiasm."



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The Old Peabody Pew: A Christmas Romance of a Country Church is a fictional story created from the imagination of Ms. Wiggin. The story portrays what life was like in a quiet New England town in 1916. Today, people go to Buxton Corners to find the Tory Hill Meeting House where they want to see and sit in the Peabody Pew.

From a book written by Ms. Wiggin's sister we read that Ms. Wiggin had indeed been at the Tory Hill Meeting House after Thanksgiving and had spent the afternoon with the Dorcas Society, cleaning the sanctuary and preparing the church for the Christmas activities. While waiting for her sister to return from driving their mother home in the buggy, her imagination created, in the quiet atmosphere of the church, the story of the Peabody Pew. There were no Peabody's living in Buxton, so there was not a real Peabody pew, but there was a Dorcas Society, who always kept very busy raising money to benefit all the projects of the church, whether it be shingling the roof or carpeting the floors. Thus, a book and later a play, was born.

The ladies of the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven will be recreating this Victorian production. They hope that the church will also be "crammed." They wish to get everyone in the Victorian mood for the entire weekend in Fairhaven and encourage the audience to come in Victorian garb, if they so desire. The admission is as it was in 1916 — 75 cents — but they will gratefully accept any donation to go to the benefit of the church.

Mattapoisett Buttons/Stickers

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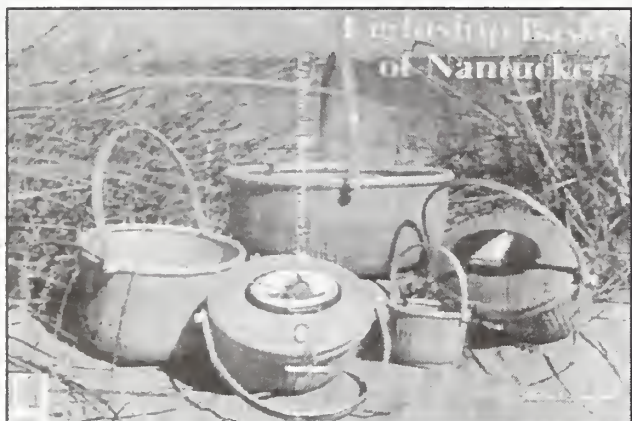
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Santa Breakfast in Fairhaven

Come join Santa for breakfast on Sunday, December 10, 2000 at Saint Joseph's School, 100 Spring Street in Fairhaven. Breakfast will be served starting at 9:00 am until 12:30 pm. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs or pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. There will be a coloring contest that the children can enter and holiday videos will be playing throughout the morning. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$3, however if you bring a non-perishable food item the picture will only be \$2. All food items will go to the Shepherd's Pantry (please keep in mind that Christmas is around the corner and there are many people in need). All children will be given a chance to speak with Santa.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and may be purchased at the school now through December 8. All proceeds for this breakfast will benefit the Saint Joseph's School Playground Fund. For tickets or more information, please call the school at 996-1983.



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Mattapoisett Congregational Christmas

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Candy Cane Fair

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be hosting its fourth annual Children's Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, December 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church Hall in Mattapoisett. Admission is FREE. Santa is expected to arrive from the North Pole with gifts at 2:00 pm. Kids will enjoy winning prizes at the numerous games and amusements supervised by Lions Club members. Also, refreshments will be served to the children.

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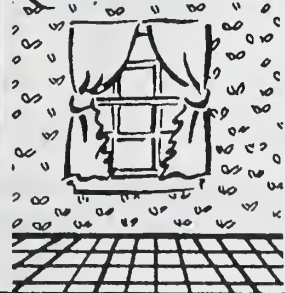
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Rochester Council on Aging

Following is a schedule of events for the month of December at the Rochester Council on Aging (COA). The COA wishes "Happy Holidays" to all their friends!

- Monday, December 4 - Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Rochester Town Hall at 6:00 pm (refreshments will be served);
- Monday, December 4 - Fuller Museum Celebrating Quilt Artists and Chefs. Cost is \$3 and lunch at Christo. Leave Town Hall at 10:00 am;
- Wednesday, December 6 - Door Decorating Contest, judging starts at 5:30 pm;
- Thursday, December 7 - John Root Sing-Along at 1:30 pm at the First Congregational Church — all are welcome;
- Sunday, December 10 - Lions Club Christmas Breakfast at the Grange Hall (Santa will be there, too!);
- Monday, December 11 - Trip to Galleria Mall in Taunton (lunch on your own), leaving Town Hall at 9:30 am, a great time to Christmas shop (there's plenty of stores);
- Tuesday, December 12 - Senior Club (AARP) and Bowling Club will be having their Christmas Party at Dewey's at 1:00 pm;
- Wednesday, December 13 - Town Hall Christmas Party (all offices will be closed from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm);
- Saturday, December 16 - SERVE (SHARE) Pick-Up from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Town Hall;
- Monday, December 18 - SouthCoast Mobile Health Van will be at Plumb Corner Mall from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm;
- Monday, December 18 - Trip to Christmas Tree Shop in

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- Wednesday, December 20 - COA Board Meeting at 9:00 am (all are welcome);
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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Mall Trips

There will be a trip to the Christmas Tree Shops and Factory Outlets on December 4 at 9:15 am, a trip to the Independence Mall on December 7 at 9:30 am, and the Dartmouth Mall on December 14 at 9:30 am. This is the last mall trip before Christmas!

Tree Lighting

The annual Mattapoisett Tree Lighting will be held at the gazebo in Shipyard Park on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 pm. The senior bus will be transporting people to the event, so be sure to sign up early.

Tri-County Concert

The Tri-County Concert will be held on Sunday, December 17. Tickets are available at the Senior Center. The concert will be held in the auditorium of UMass Dartmouth.

Friends Party

The Friends of the Elderly Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 19. Tickets for this event are available at the Senior Center.

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Podiatrist

Dr. Crowe will be at Village Court on Monday, December 18. Please call the Mattapoisett Senior Center (758-4110) to sign up for an appointment.

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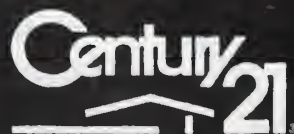
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Rochester Scouts Show

The Fourteenth Annual Model Train Show sponsored by the Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31 will be held on Sunday, December 10 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children (6-12) and seniors (60 and over), with a family maximum of \$6 and children under 6 FREE if accompanied by an adult.

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Fairhaven Victorian Holiday

The First Congregational Church of Fairhaven will present a Victorian Holiday Celebration with two upcoming events slated for the first week of December. On Friday, December 8, "The Old Peabody Pew" by Kate Douglas Wiggin will be held at 7:30 pm in the church sanctuary, 34 Centre Street. Tickets are 75 cents (ala 1916) or any donation to benefit the church. Refreshments will be served.

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Our Lady's Haven, set in what was once the Tabitha Inn and built by Henry Huttleston Rogers, will also celebrate Fairhaven's third annual Very Victorian Holiday on Saturday, December 9 with a variety of special events that are guaranteed to spark your holiday spirit.

From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, the home will host an "Olde Tyme Faire" in their auditorium (please enter on the Laurel Street side). The Faire will include a Roll-Up Raffle, Tabitha's Attic featuring "pre-loved" items, Abbie's Auction (Chinese Auction) for adults and children, baked goods, teacher gifts, stocking stuffers, arts and crafts. A light lunch and desserts will be available. Hetty Green, listed at number 36 and the only woman on the "Ranking of the 40 Richest Americans of All Time" will tell the story of how she became "The Witch of Wall Street." See and hear Hetty between the hours of 11:30 am and 12:45 pm at the Faire.

At 1:00 pm, Hetty Green will retell her story in the lobby prior to the first seating of "Tea at the Tabitha Inn," an elegant Victorian Dessert Tea. The special guest, Mark Twain, will host the Tea in the Victorian dining room. Guests can choose to attend the 1:30 or 3:30 pm seatings. Tickets are on sale now. A sell-out is expected, so please call early to reserve your tickets! In between the two seatings, The Pilgrim Handbell Ringers from the Pilgrim United Church of Christ, New Bedford, will entertain in the chapel from 2:45 to 3:15 pm. Tea Tickets are available at the following Fairhaven locations: The Tin Rabbit on Center Street, Enchanted Treasures on Main Street, Our Lady's Haven on Center Street.

Memorial Luminaria are also on sale for anyone wishing to light a candle in memory of a loved one who has passed away or in honor of a relative or friend. A ceremony, hosted by the Fairhaven High School Cheerleaders, will be held at 4:45 pm on Saturday. The luminaria, traditional Mexican Christmas lanterns, are available at Our Lady's Haven.

For additional information, please contact Anne Fenton, Director of Volunteers and Community Development, at Our Lady's Haven (999-4561).

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

Big plans are underway for the Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 14 at 12:00 noon in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Entertainment, in verse and song, by the Woman's Club members will be provided. Members are reminded to bring baked Christmas items to benefit "Hearts and Hands."

Kudos to Alice Williams and Peg Reed and their Tea Committee for the November meeting.

The Garden Group will be decorating the town with greens, including the Post Office, Town Hall, Historical Society, and the Library.

The Fine Arts Group, with Helen Damon, will attend the New Bedford Art Museum on December 7 for its first "Art Tour and Tea."

Plumb Memorial Library

Preschool Storytime

The next session of Preschool Storytime will start on Monday, January 8, 2001 and run through the end of February. It will be held on Monday at 1:30 pm. Storytime is open to children ages 3 to 6. Activities include stories, songs, crafts, "field trips," and other special surprises. This is an interactive series with parent participation. Space is limited, and registration is required. Please call the library at 763-8600 or stop in and register at the main desk.

Toddler Playtime

Toddler Playtime will begin on Tuesday, January 9, 2001 and run through the end of February. It will be held on Tuesday at 10:00 am. This is an unstructured playgroup, and is a great way to get social time for parents, babies, and children ages 1 to 2. The library provides lots of toys, books, puzzles, and a simple hands-on craft activity. Registration is required. Please call the library at 763-8600 or stop in and register at the main desk.

Trustee Vacancy

The Board of Trustees of the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester announced that there is a vacancy on the board due to the death of one of their members. They invite anyone interested in filling this position until the next election to join them at their meeting on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 or send in a letter of interest prior to the meeting.

The board also announced that the preliminary plans for the Plumb Library expansion project are now on display at the library. The board will be holding public forums on the expansion project within the next few months. Anyone wishing to get a "sneak preview" of the plans may stop in during regular library hours.

Journal Volume 3

Rochester Journal Volume 3 is in the works! Submissions are being taken through the end of the year. Don't miss this opportunity to share your unique vision and memories of the Town of Rochester and her citizens. Entries can include (but are not limited to) essays, poems, biographical sketches, stories, photographs, artwork, and recipes. If you can't write or draw, but have memories to share, why not sit down with a family member and a tape recorder and record your memories while you talk? The library will transcribe the tape to paper for you. They would also be interested in old newspaper clippings or magazine articles about the town. They would like to receive all submissions by the end of December and they



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A Children's Book Raffle to benefit the Friends of the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester is now taking place. Enter to win a collection of four children's books (appropriate for children ages 1 to 5). Tickets are \$2 per chance, or 3 for \$5 and are available at the library, 17 Constitution Way. The books are a \$40 value and the raffle deadline is November 30. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Plumb Library and go towards the Library Building Fund.

Friends of the Elderly

Christmas Party

Reminder: The Annual Christmas Party for the Mattapoisett Seniors will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at the Mattapoisett Senior Center at 12:00 noon. The party is FREE, but you must call Cynthia at the Mattapoisett Senior Center for tickets. *Cut-off date is December 15.*

Dine-Out Books

Dinner for Two Dine-Out gift books are being sold by the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly again this year. The Friends are selling them hoping to raise money for many things they want to do for the Mattapoisett seniors. The book has coupons from various area restaurants with which you buy one dinner and get the second one free. Most of the coupons are valid Sunday through Friday. The price is still the same at \$29.95 and they can now be obtained at the Mattapoisett Senior Center. You may also call 758-9780 for delivery.

Sippican Seniors Party

The Sippican Seniors will hold their Christmas Party on Friday, December 8 at the Seaport Inn in Fairhaven with a Social Hour beginning at 11:30 am and Dinner being served at 12:30 pm. Cost is \$13 per person and the meal will consist of a choice of scrod or turkey. Tickets are available at Sippican Seniors meetings or by calling Natalie Sullivan at 748-1467. Tickets must be purchased by December 4.

Mattapoisett Touring Club

The Mattapoisett Touring Club has planned the following trip to which everyone is welcome:

- December 7, 2000 - Bright Lights at Forest Park. 750 acres of historic Forest Park with 400,000 lights. A delicious meal served prior to the show featuring Frank Patterson, Irish Tenor. Trip includes mid-morning visit to Yankee Candle in Deerfield. Choice of honey glazed ham or chicken breast. Price is \$49.95 per person.
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For more information or to make reservations, please call Rosalie or Jim at 758-2887.

Old Colony Regional Voke

Peer Leadership

The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Peer Leadership Program is sponsoring a holiday card fund-raiser for the local non-profit agency called Hearts and Hands. The holiday card design is original artwork produced by the students of the Peer Leadership group. The cards are festive and non-denominational, therefore appropriate for any religion.



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MCAS Parents Night

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School will host an informational session to discuss with parents the MCAS Testing at their Annual Parents Night. The session will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. All parents of Old Colony students are welcome to attend the session. However, only students in Grades 9 and 11 will receive test results. Should parents or guardians have any questions concerning the MCAS Testing, they may contact Mr. Gary Brown, Assistant Director-Superintendent, at 763-8011, extension 118.

Leisure Learning

Would you like to teach? If you have a great course idea and lots of enthusiasm, the Leisure Learning Program would love to hear from you. The Leisure Learning Program includes a variety of enrichment classes for adults conducted weekday evenings at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School in Rochester. Leisure Learning instructors come from all walks of life, and each is a specialist in his/her field.



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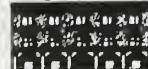
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Most courses run for six consecutive weeks, one three-hour session per week. Course offerings are subject to sufficient enrollment. Questions concerning Leisure Learning can be answered by calling William Vincent during regular school hours at 763-8011, extension 178.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Fractured Mirror

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Unbreakable. Starring Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson. Directed by M. Night Shyamalan. Running time: 107 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

Reviewing a movie like *Unbreakable* not only takes extraordinary skill at waffling (you have to bend over backwards not to reveal anything), it also requires a case of selective amnesia, because the movie is two-thirds of a remarkable atmospheric thriller. But a movie like this lives or dies on the strength of its ending, and in this case the prognosis doesn't look good. Was the writer-director M. Night Shyamalan compelled to deliver a whammy on the level of the twist ending of his big hit *The Sixth Sense*? Hard to say, but it's a bit of a non-whammy—not a dud, exactly, but a disappointingly conventional capper.

We'll start from the beginning. Bruce Willis must have enjoyed working for Shyamalan last time, because he returns here as security cop David Dunn. We meet David on a train from New York to Philadelphia—a train that derailed and crashes, killing the 131 other passengers but leaving David unscathed. His mirror image, it seems, is a brooding loner named Elijah Price (Samuel L. Jackson), who coincidentally is often seen in reflections. Elijah has osteogenesis imperfecta, a rare disease (one in every 20,000 Americans is born with it) that makes the bones brittle and easily broken. Elijah, a devout comic-book reader, sees David as a parallel figure, an unbreakable man, perhaps even a superhero; then again, Elijah may also be just a lonely guy who's read too many comics, and David assumes the latter to be true—even though he can't remember the last time he was sick.

Shooting once again in the overcast, unflashy locations of Philadelphia, Shyamalan and cinematographer Eduardo Senna work from a palette of blues and grays; the entire city has five o'clock shadow. And Shyamalan, as he did in *The Sixth Sense*, lets the scenes play out in calm, hushed intimacy. The domestic scenes involving David and his estranged wife (Robin Wright Penn) and troubled son (Spencer Treat Clark) are done with exquisite tact and economy—you get the sense that Shyamalan really wants to make dramas with supernatural elements, not supernatural thrillers. Shyamalan takes us in close, picking up sad and angry whispers; his people almost never raise their voices. The actors, particularly Jackson, seem to relish the small, subtle notes Shyamalan encourages them to play.



Unbreakable takes pains to set up its scary world and then, like *The Exorcist*, introduces odd occurrences that are all the more disturbing because they feel real—they feel like the unbelievable-and-yet-it's-really-happening events we've all experienced. An extended sequence in which David pays a visit to a dangerous man in a top-notch exercise in suspense and the glurge of violence, even though it leads to a rather clumsy bit of fighting (then again, the clumsiness may be the point). The little moments are also terrific, as in a silent breakfast-table scene when David shows his son a newspaper article and, from the expressions on their faces, we can take our pick of several possible emotions.

The movie goes along so well and smoothly, and then takes a rollercoaster dive into... well, let's just say this isn't *The Sixth Sense*, whose ending flipped the entire story around and gave you that satisfying click when everything came together in your head. There's no click here except the writer-director pulling the trigger of his plot's unloaded gun. Without spoiling anything, I'll say that I like the concept of the ending—it does make sense—but it's far too abrupt, and the use of "this is what happened next" titles at the end (usually reserved for movies based in fact) just makes us wish there were more movie, more of a wrap-up. Shyamalan elsewhere so skilled at "show, don't tell" seems to forget that here. The film needed more beats, more scenes, a smoother ramp up to the end revelation.

I would rank *Unbreakable* with *Sleepy Hollow*, another hypnotic mood painting that seemed too eager to get to its chintzy *Murder, She Wrote* denouement. These directors should have more faith in their power to enthrall us; Shyamalan's achievement here is that he creates a mood that seems all but unbreakable, only to break it.

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Best in Show (PG-13) - 1:25, 3:55, 6:40, 9:15
Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) - 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30
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The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) - 9:15
102 Dalmatians (G) - 12:25, 2:25, 4:25, 7:15, 9:25
Unbreakable (PG-13) - 1:25, 4:00, 7:05, 9:45
Rugrats in Paris (G) - 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:50, 9:40
The Grinch (PG) - 12:15, 2:40, 4:50, 7:25, 9:45
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Men of Honor (R) - 1:05, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35
Meet the Parents (PG-13) - 12:00, 2:35, 4:50, 7:20, 9:35
Unbreakable (PG-13) - 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30
The Sixth Day (PG-13) - 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:25

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Little Nicky (PG-13) - 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG-13) -
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Unbreakable (PG-13) - 12:50, 3:40, 6:40, 9:10
The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) - 1:10, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50
Rugrats in Paris (G) - Fri: 1:00, 3:00, 4:50, 6:50, 9:00; Sat/Sun: 12:20, 2:10, 4:00, 5:50, 7:40, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 1:00, 3:00, 4:50, 6:50, 9:00
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The Sixth Day (PG) - 1:20, 3:50, 6:40, 9:10
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Bounce (PG-13) - 1:30, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
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Nemasket Holiday Bazaar

The Nemasket Group in Fairhaven will be holding its tenth annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 2. Holiday shoppers of all ages are cordially invited to join the Nemasket Group in celebrating the beginning of the Holiday Season from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on December 2. This year's bazaar features some of the finest crafts people in Southeastern Massachusetts, as well as a Chinese Auction, Bake Table, and Book Room. Delicious lunches and baked goods will be available throughout the day.

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Thursday, December 7 – Meat loaf with mushroom gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, broccoli, oatmeal bread, cookie, graham wafer.

Friday, December 8 – Sweet and sour pork dippers, Far East rice, Oriental blend vegetables, club roll, applesauce.

CENTER SCHOOL

MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 4 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, pudding, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, December 5 – Macaroni and cheese, pepperoni calzone, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 6 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, ham and cheese pocket, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 7 – EARLY DISMISSAL: No lunch, snacks served at recess time.

Friday, December 8 – EARLY DISMISSAL: No lunch, snacks served at recess time.

FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY

and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Monday, December 4 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, Steak'Um and cheese sub, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, watermelon jello with topping.

Tuesday, December 5 – Cheesy macaroni twists, hot dog on a roll, potato crunch fish nuggets with sauces, mac rib sub, crinkle fries, baked beans, chilled peaches, oatmeal walnut cookie.

Wednesday, December 6 – Meatballs over spaghetti, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese sandwich, shaved turkey club, tossed salad, green beans, chilled pears, frosted cake.

Thursday, December 7 – Pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, chicken in gravy, hot ham and cheese sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, apple crisp with topping.

Friday, December 8 – Chicken breast patty club, hamburger/cheeseburger, "hero" sub, tuna salad sub, Frito's corn chips, carrot sticks, fresh apple, Pokémon fruit roll-up.

FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 4 – Kentucky style chicken, hot dog on a roll, mac rib sub, rice pilaf, baked beans, cranberry sauce, applesauce, chocolate whip with topping.

Tuesday, December 5 – Baked lasagna, garlic bread, hot pastrami grinder, vegetable wrap, grated mozzarella, seasoned fries, carrots, chilled pears, oatmeal/walnut cookie.

Wednesday, December 6 – French meat pie with gravy, grilled chicken club, broccoli/ham/cheese quiche, scalloped potatoes, peas, chilled pineapple, frosted cake.

Thursday, December 7 – Taco boat with all the fixings, double beef and cheese burrito, grilled ham and cheese, Spanish rice, corn niblets, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.

Friday, December 8 – Baked macaroni and cheese, potato crunch fish nuggets with sauces, hot dog, chicken salad pocket, shoestring fries, tossed salad, baked beans, chilled apricots, apple crisp with topping.

HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL - FAIRHAVEN

Monday, December 4 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, Steak'Um and cheese sub, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, watermelon jello with topping.

Tuesday, December 5 – Cheesy macaroni twists, hot dog on a roll, potato crunch fish nuggets with

sauces, mac rib sub, crinkle fries, baked beans, chilled peaches, oatmeal walnut cookie.

Wednesday, December 6 – Meatballs over spaghetti, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese sandwich, shaved turkey club, tossed salad, green beans, chilled pears, frosted cake.

Thursday, December 7 – Pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, chicken in gravy, hot ham and cheese sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, apple crisp with topping.

Friday, December 8 – Baked lasagna with garlic bread, grilled chicken club, seafood salad pocket, oven potatoes, carrots, chilled applesauce, vanilla pudding with topping.

MEMORIAL SCHOOL

ROCHESTER

Monday, December 4 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, pudding, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, December 5 – Macaroni and cheese, pepperoni calzone, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 6 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, ham and cheese pocket, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 7 – EARLY DISMISSAL: No lunch, snacks served at recess time.

Friday, December 8 – EARLY DISMISSAL: No lunch, snacks served at recess time.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 4 – Rib-b-que, hash brown patty, broccoli, apple, chocolate chip cookie.

Tuesday, December 5 – Grilled hot dog, chile dog, baked beans, potato chips, peas, fruit, marble cake.

Wednesday, December 6 – Chicken nuggets, French fries, carrots, dipping sauce, bread, chilled fruit.

Thursday, December 7 – Fruit juice, toasted ham and cheese, meatball sub, spicy fries, corn, pudding.

Friday, December 8 – Stuffed crust pizza, veggie sticks, fruit, assorted dessert.

OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL - MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 4 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots,

fruit, pudding, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, December 5 – Macaroni and cheese, pepperoni calzone, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 6 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, ham and cheese pocket, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 7 – EARLY DISMISSAL: No lunch, snacks served at recess time.

Friday, December 8 – EARLY DISMISSAL: No lunch, snacks served at recess time.

ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, December 4 – Soup, chicken parmesan, spicy chicken, chili dog, fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, fruit, juice or milk.

Tuesday, December 5 – Soup, teriyaki chicken roll-up, steak and cheese sub, pepperoni calzone, lettuce, tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, December 6 – Soup, American chop suey, pastrami with cheese, toasted ham and cheese, garlic bread, salad, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, December 7 – HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, fruit, juice or milk.

Friday, December 8 – HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, fruit, juice or milk.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, December 4 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, pudding, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, December 5 – Macaroni and cheese, pepperoni calzone, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 6 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, ham and cheese pocket, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

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Proceeds from Nemasket Gallery's Holiday Bazaar directly benefit individuals and families served by the Nemasket Group and Family Connections Project. The Tenth Annual Nemasket Group Holiday Bazaar opens its doors on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 am. There is no charge for admission and free parking is available in the



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The actions on the part of and rhetoric spewing from the mouths of so-called "representatives" of both the Democratic and Republican parties in the aftermath of a decidedly controversial Presidential Election throughout the past weeks have been nothing short of deplorable.

I'm not really faulting the candidates themselves in this matter and I think, in all fairness, recounts *should* have been conducted in a race that was certainly this close. But I'm sick and tired of listening to all the whining, manipulating, fact-twisting, and faulty logic of partisan spin doctors who want nothing more than to claim victory for their cause. It's immature, it's created dissension throughout the nation, it's not at all in keeping with the precepts of a true democracy, and it's the precise type of "poor sportsmanship" that is poisoning our culture and encouraging intolerance.

Before I go any further, let me openly admit that I am currently and have always been registered "unenrolled" and claim no affiliation to either political party or agenda. I have always preferred to vote for select *candidates*, based on their own merits, and not kowtow to a "party line" and blindly support whomever the political cronies in power tell me to.

I'll even fess up to casting my vote this year for Ralph Nader, both out of a sense of dissatisfaction with Bush and Gore, and in a modest effort to help Nader garner enough votes to become eligible for federal funding. (I strongly support establishing a third, fourth, fifth, or even *tenth* political party, by the way. This two-party system has done nothing but foster a "divide and conquer" mentality in



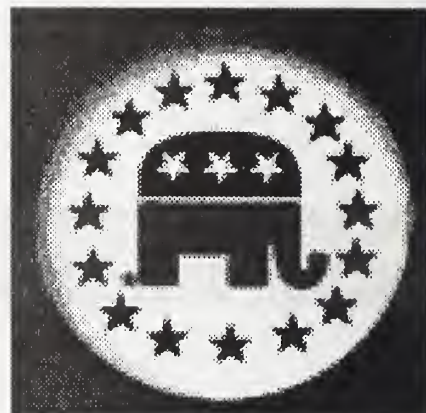
America in which it's either "us" or "them.")

And the slim margin of votes which separates George Bush from Al Gore just goes to prove my point. Americans are obviously split into two, distinct opposing camps which continue to lob criticisms and accusations over the fence at each other every time a major issue is raised, instead of tackling *the problem* head-on and often at the cost of reason and common sense. It's a growing trend which has escalated to annoying proportions over the past decade ... and it's something, I fear, that's not going to diffuse itself — regardless of who's sitting in the White House come January, 2001.

I can't help but recall Rodney King's now-clichéd appeal: "*Why can't we all just get along?*" It's a simple but provoking question. Why does the criteria for being either a registered Republican or Democrat include hatred, mistrust and disrespect for the other?

In this latest war of words between pundits for Al Gore and drones for George W. Bush, there seems to be an endless array of catch-phrases and sound bites being bantered about and dutifully reported by 24-hour media outlets (which are far from blameless in this fiasco) in pointless half-hour updates. And to what purpose?

All's fair in love and war ... oh, and also *politics*, I guess. Because every-



one has become fair game for criticism — from George Bush's fellow governor and brother in Florida ... to Al Gore's league of litigators nitpicking deadlines and "chads" ... right down to the poor saps with the unenviable duty of hand-counting those precious remaining ballots. Have we become a nation so cynical and conspiracy-obsessed that we even suspect Joe Citizen in some backwater town in Florida of being "in" on the big, pervasive and clandestine plot to oust the Democrats or topple the Republican stronghold?

If the Democrats and Republicans really want to make an impression and prove that they, indeed, have the best interest of *Americans* in mind, they need to stop playing tug-of-war with political rhetoric, stop name-calling and finger-pointing, stop pulling tantrums whenever things don't go their way, and start bringing a sense of fair play, decorum and mutual respect to the table. Didn't they ever hear that overused mantra: "*It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game?*" In this case, I'm afraid both teams have dipped their toes into the dirty pool ... and the real losers are the American voters, regardless of the ultimate outcome.

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■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 19 through November 28, 2000:

- Wareham Road – assist other police department
- County Road – motor vehicle stop
- Mill Street – medical emergency
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Main Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Point Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Front Street – motor vehicle complaint
- Spring Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Spring Street – parking violation
- Mill Street – larceny/past
- Cranberry Way – officer wanted
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Spring Street – parking violation
- Island Wharf Road – escort wanted
- Spring Street – officer wanted
- Spring Street – parking violation
- Point Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Olde Knoll Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Spring Street – suspicious activity
- Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – parking violation
- Wells Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Delano Road – officer wanted
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Spring Street – animal complaint
- Quail's Crossing Road – family disturbance/adult arrest (assault and battery, domestic, protective custody)
- Wianno Road – officer wanted
- Quail's Crossing Road – family offense/past
- Main Street – motor vehicle complaint

- Spring Street – disturbance
- Riverview Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Route 195 – motor vehicle fire
- Point Road – found property
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Holmes Street – animal complaint
- South Street – suspicious activity
- Jenney Lane – burglar alarm
- Mill Street – animal complaint.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 19 through November 26, 2000:

- Old Road to Pine Island – run-away (adult/child)
- Beacon Street – animal in road-way
- County Road – car fire
- Marion Road – gunshots reported
- Tinkham Lane – mini bike on property
- Knollwood Drive – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- Route 195 West – suspicious vehicle
- Route 195 East – dead deer
- Marion Road – motor vehicle accident
- Marion Road – black ice reported
- Main Street – master fire box/Town Hall
- Island View Avenue – noises/disturbance
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious phone calls
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious activity/person
- Spruce Street – assistance removing intoxicated person
- County Road – dog found in front hall
- Park Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mechanic Street – chimney fire
- County Road – deer hit by car
- North Road – past motor vehicle accident
- Locust Street – suspicious activity
- North Street – debris in roadway
- Mattakiset Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – adult arrest
- Waterman Street – water leak from house
- County Road – party in station with lost dog

- Harbor Acres Lane – suspicious vehicle
- Fairhaven Road – possible intoxicated person
- Ned's Point Road – suspicious vehicle in yard
- Holly Woods Road – vandalism to mailbox
- Deer Run Street – found dogs
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
- Acushnet Road – Acushnet requests mutual aid for motor vehicle accident.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 21 through November 27, 2000:

- Route 105 – animal control matter
- High Street – adult arrest (warrant, possible driving under the influence)
- Snipatuit Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Main Street – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Route 105 – motor vehicle hit deer
- New Bedford Road – animal control matter
- Memorial School – suspicious activity
- Waterworks – gunshots reported
- Neck Road – disabled motor vehicle
- Neck Road – animal control matter
- Vaughan Hill Road – road hazard
- North Avenue – suspicious activity
- North Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Cross Road – animal complaint
- Dexter's Lane – motor vehicle accident
- North Avenue – suspicious activity
- Robinson Road – highway matter
- Nathaniel's Drive – gunshots reported
- Plumb Corner Mall – suspicious person
- Snipatuit Road – trespassing
- Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle stop.



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Marion Natural History Museum

Holiday Open House

• Friday, December 15 - The Holiday Open House: Kids and their parents are invited to a costumed holiday story-telling. They'll be working on projects and snacking on refreshments during the annual holiday



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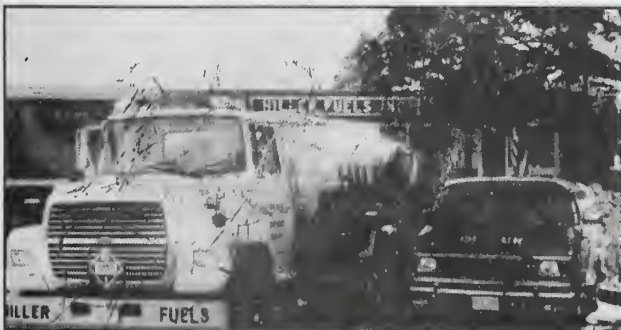
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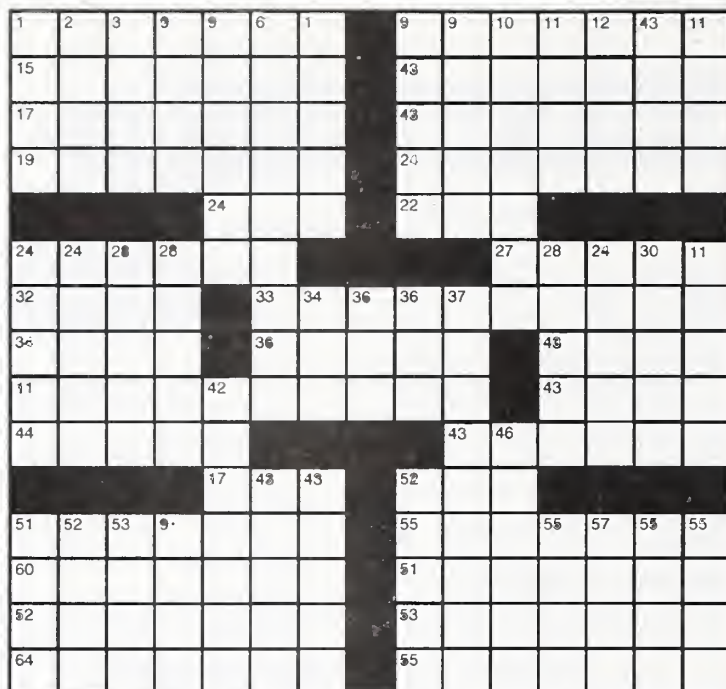
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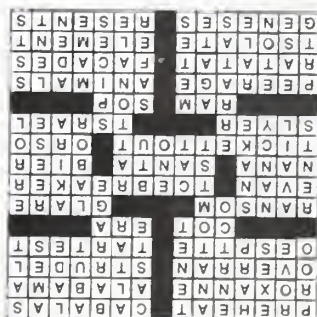
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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). You'll have a powerful urge to start your world cruise, leaving the same-old same-old behind. Take care of business first.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). If you're a trader, be alert for excellent deals. Travel's appealing, but will go more smoothly if you wait until later. A confrontation's brewing.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). The other guy's gonna win the argument. You might learn a lot by listening, though. Talk your sweetheart out of spending the rent on something else.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Manage your workload, or you'll never get it all done. Don't take on any new assignments, or you'll get swamped.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). An early date's best. Your workload increases later and gets downright hectic. You love the challenge, but it interferes with your social life somewhat.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Getting to work on time is hard. You'd rather stay home and take care of something more interesting. Don't spend too much on romance or a child; you'd regret it later.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Something you discover could change everything. Don't just sit there; go digging! Put your personal agenda on hold.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Watch for bargains and valuables. An older woman's comments could stir you up. Consider the consequences before taking action.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're so creative, you may surprise even yourself. Put your talent to good use and bring in much appreciated extra income. Turn down friends who have expensive tastes.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Information from private sources could be quite profitable. You can find a bargain you would have missed otherwise.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A meeting is full of surprises. Your creativity is much appreciated, as you come up with an idea none of the others considered.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Be flexible. The boss may feel like changing everything. Get together with your group to figure out how to do what's required.

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event. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at the museum. This is a FREE program, so please join them!

For more information about any programs at the Marion Natural History Museum, please call (508) 748-2098.

Fairhaven Holiday Tour

Again, the Annual Holiday House Tour, under the sponsorship of the Fairhaven Historical Society and the Fairhaven Colonial Club, will take place on Sunday, December 3 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. As in the past, the tour will feature a variety of houses in a variety of locations, from historic Poverty Point and north Main Street to a location on Fort Street. The seven houses will vary from one that is brand new to others which are old and historic.

In addition, the historic Academy Building will be open. They will all be beautifully decorated by their proud owners in honor of the holiday season and will surely be a feast for the eyes. Interestingly enough, four of the householders have been residents of Fairhaven for only a little more than a year but have entered into the

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Adams, Chief Procurement Officer 11/23, 11/30</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE Antassawamock Club, Inc. will close its private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 13, 2000. Signed: Board of Directors Antassawamock Club, Inc. Mary E. Coney, Secretary</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS #766 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Shawn M. and Danielle M. Perry, who are seeking a variance from frontage requirements under section VIII.B. of Rochester Protective by-laws to allow construction of a single family dwelling on an unapproved road. Property is identified as being off of a portion of Snow's Pond Road, Assessors plan 38 lot 41, containing 14.72 acres. Public hearing will be conducted on December 14, 2000, 7:45pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 11/30, 12/7</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS #764 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Stuart Tallman for th Rochester Golf Club, Humphery Tallman owner. Petitioner is seeking a special permit under section VIII.D.8. to allow a commercial building in the agricultural/residential district closer to the lot line than the allowed 80 feet. Property is located at 355 Rounseville Road, Assessors plan 34 lot 6A. Public hearing will be conducted on December 14, 2000, 7:30pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 11/30, 12/7</p>	<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 7:30pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a definitive subdivision plan "Wamsutta Lane" prepared for Laura Ribeiro. The property is located off Clapp Road. A copy of said plan is on file at the Rochester Town Hall and may be reviewed during the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Robert Cummings, Chairman 11/23, 11/30</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold Public Hearings on Monday, December 18, 2000 at 7:45 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. in the Selectmen's Office of the Town Hall on Proposed Zoning By-Laws as follows: A. To see if the Town will vote to amend by striking the entire text of Article 10 "Telecommunications Facility Overlay District" and replacing it with the following: 10.1 Authorization 10.2 Limitation 10.3 Special Permit for Telecommunications Towers 10.3.2 Submittal Requirements 10.3.3 Siting and Construction Standards 10.3.4 Special Permit Findings 10.3.5 Conditions 10.3.6 Abandonment or Discontinuation of Use Further, that Article 4.1 of the Zoning By-Law be amended by striking the words "three (3) overlay districts" and substituting therefore the words, "two (2) overlay districts" and removing the reference to "Telecommunications Facilities Overlay District TFO," and, B. Article: Bed and Breakfast Regulations: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendment to the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Mattapoisett by adding the following: 3.10 BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS 3.10.1 Purpose 3.10.2 Definition 3.10.3 Submittal and Review Requirements or take any other action thereto. Complete text and copies of the proposed Zoning By-Laws are available in the Town Clerk's office during normal office hours. Barry Perkins, Clerk Mattapoisett Planning Board 11/30, 12/07</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #767 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Shawn M. and Danielle M. Perry, who are seeking a variance from frontage requirements under section VIII.B. of Rochester Protective by-laws to allow construction of a single family dwelling on an unapproved road. Property is identified as being off of a portion of Snow's Pond Road, Assessors plan 38 lot 41A, containing 15.60 acres. Public hearing will be conducted on December 14, 2000, 8:00pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 11/30, 12/7</p>
<p>LEGAL NOTICES</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE The owners of OldWood Road and Harbor Acres Lane will close these private roads to public traffic on December 1, 2000. William E. Mansfield Donald L. Mansfield Owners 11/23, 11/30</p>		

holiday spirit with enthusiasm and a willing desire to participate in the event which initiates Fairhaven's holiday season.

The tour will begin at the historic Academy Building at the northeast corner of Huttleston Avenue and Main Street. Tour tickets will be redeemed there for a map showing the locations of the houses and a brochure describing them in detail. These will be attendees' badge of admission to the houses.

The Academy Building, built in 1798 as a school and now housing the Museum of Fairhaven History and the offices of the Fairhaven Historical Society, which will be decorated for the holiday by members of the Garden Club of Greater New Bedford. To add to the holiday spirit, members of the Fairhaven Public School Choruses, under the direction of Ms. Doreen Nelsen, will be rendering Christmas carols during the first hour. Doors to the Academy will open at 12:45 pm so that attendees may pick up their maps and brochures and head, from this central location, either north or south, from whichever direction they choose to start their tour.

Tickets for the Sunday, December 3 Annual Holiday House Tour are now on sale at the Millicent Library, 45 Centre Street in Fairhaven, and the Euro-Phoenix Hall, 24 Centre Street in Fairhaven, at \$10 in advance or at the Academy Building for \$12 on the day of the tour.

Mattapoissett Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club will hold its annual Christmas Party on December 16 in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church. The evening will begin with punch and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner catered by Riccardi's at 7:00 pm. Price is \$10 for dinner. Entertainment will be "Music for the Ages" performed by a local folk singer, Art Tebbets. All are you welcome — you need not be a member of the Maconchu Club to attend. Those who are interested in coming, please contact Peg Olney at 758-3069 or Lois Murray at 758-4949. Deadline is December 11.

Fin, Fur and Feather Club

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Following is a schedule of upcoming events sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club:

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- April 29 - Pancake Breakfast at the American Legion Hall, 8:00 to 11:00 am;
- May 19 - Swing Dance with 18-Piece Band at the Knights of Columbus, 7:00 to 11:00 pm;
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- July 11 - Band Concert/Strawberry Fest, 7:30 to 9:00 pm;
- July 13, 14 and 15 - Harbor Days 2001.

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Tri-County Concerts

The next concert in the series, the Holiday Concert, will take place in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth on Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 pm and the final concert will be a "Welcome to Spring" performance also in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth on Sunday, March 18, 2001. The annual Free Children's Concert will be given on Super Bowl Sunday at 3:00 pm, also at UMass Dartmouth. Mark your calendars now! You won't want to miss these events. For more information, please call Dr. Manuel C. Rosenfield at 758-4457 or Robert Coquillette at 758-4972.

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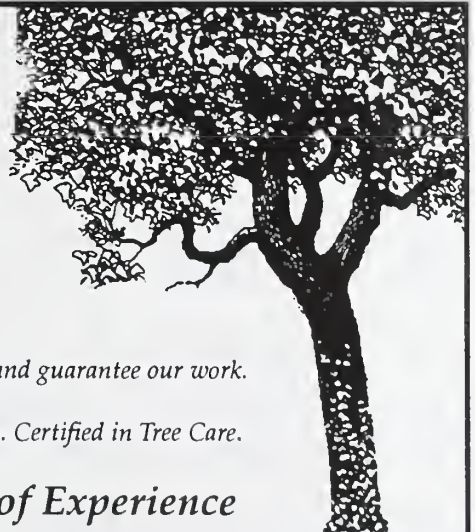
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Dec. 1:	Fri.	11:21	11:52	4:02	4:42
Dec. 2:	Sat.	...	12:11	4:46	5:27
Dec. 3:	Sun.	12:46	1:05	5:38	6:18
Dec. 4:	Mon.	1:42	2:01	6:37	7:14
Dec. 5:	Tues.	2:37	2:56	7:44	8:13
Dec. 6:	Wed.	3:29	3:48	8:52	9:10
Dec. 7:	Thurs.	4:18	4:38	9:55	10:04
Dec. 8:	Fri.	5:06	5:27	10:51	10:55
Dec. 9:	Sat.	5:53	6:15	11:43	11:45
Dec. 10:	Sun.	6:41	7:04	...	12:34
Dec. 11:	Mon.	7:27	7:52	12:34	1:22
Dec. 12:	Tues.	8:16	8:42	1:23	2:12
Dec. 13:	Wed.	9:07	9:34	2:13	3:02
Dec. 14:	Thurs.	10:00	10:29	3:06	3:54
Dec. 15:	Fri.	10:55	11:27	4:01	4:49
Dec. 16:	Sat.	11:53	...	5:01	5:47
Dec. 17:	Sun.	12:27	12:54	6:09	6:51
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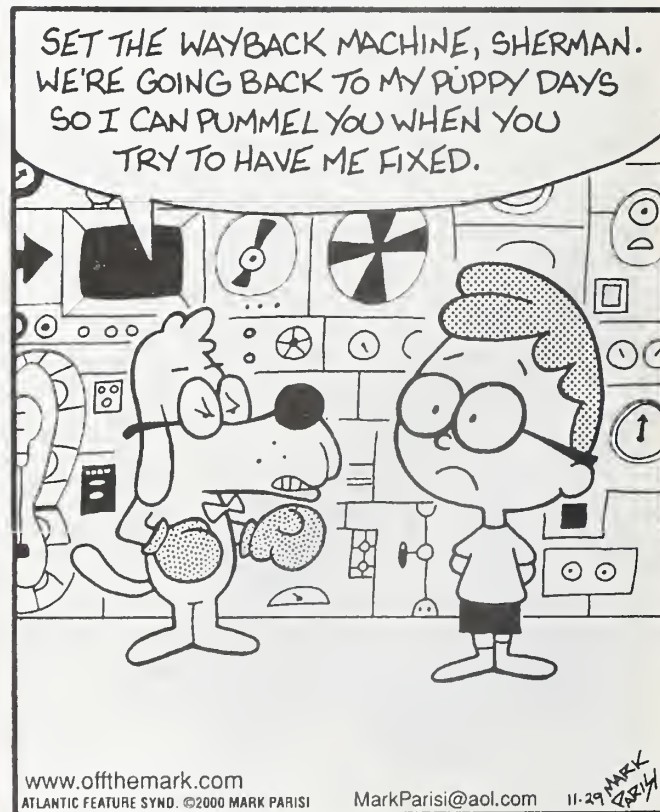
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